

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

Nov/Dec 2000 Newsletter

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Falling Leaves Greetings:

My garden is still blooming! In November! And with all the colorful trees and dancing leaves around, it's lovely. Of course you must dodge the dancing leaves and dash over to the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church Monday, November 20th, 7:30 pm, to attend our meeting. We have as watercolor demonstrator Lana Matich-Pattison, who will do an architecturally themed watercolor. Lana is from Spain, and you may have seen the detailed paintings of this award-winning artist in various shows, such as the recent St. Johns on the Mountain Juried Show. Bound to be an exciting evening!

No Dues! No News! If you don't receive a January Newsletter (there is none in December), you'll know it's because Membership Chairman Doug Axmann has not received your check, made out to RVAA, for membership. Individual dues: \$22; Family: \$28; Student (through high school) \$10. Doug lives at 16 Schoolhouse Lane in Somerville, 08876. And Don Nathan has graciously volunteered to make and print up our membership mailing list. However, so we know we have UP TO THE MINUTE accurate facts, please mail a postcard to Don at PO Box 97, Florham Park, NJ, 07932 with your name and address, your phone number, and your Email (and/or FAX number). Don's putting us into the 21st century! Thank you!

The fund which has developed as people donate money to RVAA as a Memorial to John Spitzmiller is growing, having at least \$480. in it now. To make this something that will truly benefit RVAA members for years, as John would like, the thought has been that perhaps a permanent library of Art Videos for RVAA would be good. The idea is that members can borrow from this at the monthly meetings. However, because RVAA doesn't have a permanent home, we'd need a "librarian"--any volunteer? An easy job and you'd have first crack at the videos! We also still need a Hospitality Chairman--all the goodies have already been volunteer-donated for this year, so it's a fairly simple job. Please call President Linda Arnold to commit to either (or both!) positions.

If it's November, then it's almost December. And you know what that means---RVAA's Fantastic Holiday Dinner. Nona Rutter has once again

volunteered to run this event, which will take place Monday, December 11th, at McCarthy's Restaurant (formerly Main Street Restaurant) (Rt.22 East, turn right onto Finderne Ave, then right at the 3rd light onto Main Street, and almost immediately McCarthy's is on your left) with cocktail hour (hors d'oeuvres) starting at 6:30 and dinner at 7:15. You have a lot of choices, which can be made then: the New York steak, chicken Francaise, seafood linguini with garlic bread, baby back ribs, fresh baked salmon, or a vegetarian platter. Of course we start out with the most munificent and delectable salad bar around, and we finish with dessert. Only \$26. made out to RVAA and mailed to Nona Rutter at 110 Washington Corner Rd, Bernardsville, 07924, gets you all this. And more! We all get to socialize and....because construction on Somerset County Library is ongoing and we can't have our usual Holiday Judged Show, and therefore, no Awards Ceremony at the dinner, we have several other things happening. Please bring one painting, any size, to the dinner (if you'd like), the idea being that we don't all know what we do, our medium, our style, and so we'll mingle and talk and gape at each other's works. And....after dinner we will have: a Short Entertainment followed by....your holiday anecdotes or any holiday story you'd like to share over our dinner table (only if you wish, NO PRESSURE). And finally Nona will preside over the infamous (well, it will be) WHITE ELEPHANT GRAB BAG, or box. Yes, bring a holiday-wrapped White Elephant to the dinner. Your elderly, or new, what's-it-called may become somebody else's treasure. If you've no White Elephants to spare, or no time to reign one in, a small gift, about \$5. or so, holiday-wrapped, is fine. This should all be very festive! Please fill out the form below.

"A Sweetheart of a Show" The Somerset County Library feels we will have the display cases for some of January and perhaps February, and the Curved Wall in February. And so Valentine Small Treasures--a small painting as a gift for friend or sweetie--will be displayed by Raritan Valley Arts Association members. (Our normal big show will be held next December, but at least we'll have this, and I thank Linda for the great theme). You are allowed one painting 14" x 18" for the curved wall, and a few (depending on number of persons interested) for the cases, 9" x 12" frames included. The entry fee is only \$5 (Instead of \$10. because it's a smaller show than usual) and 10% of any sales goes to the library; plus, probably (it's hard to finalize anything with the library now because of construction delays) 2 hours show sitting for your painting on the curved wall or 4 hours (total) if you also have paintings in the cases. Please mail the form below to (Chairperson) Diana Patton, 497 Stony Brook Drive, Bridgewater, NJ, 08807, and I'll phone you when I get the word we can start to display our work.

The news will get out to those regulars of the library hopefully by the Library's Friends Newsletter, and a poster. Promote your tiny treasures! And while show sitting, you can also probably bring a portfolio and/or cards of your work, if you have them.

Finally, if anyone is interested in learning how to work in watercolor on the "new paper--clayboard" Diana Patton is giving a workshop on it Monday, November 13, from 10 until 3 at the Somerset Art Association in Bedminster. You may call them at 234-2345.

#### MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

NONA RUTTER had a show of her work at the Bernardsville Library the month of September, and had paintings accepted into the juried AAPL-NJ Shows at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn and the juried AAPL-NJ in Shrewsbury, as well as work juried into St. John's on the Mountain Show.

DEBBIE TINTLE has a one-woman show at Overlook Hospital in Summit, on 99 Beauvoir Avenue. Debbie has over one hundred works in this show, both paintings and photographs. The show runs until December 15th.

DIANA PATTON is in the group show at the Musconetcong Gallery at Alba Vineyard, Village of Finesville, Milford, NJ, in December, has a one-woman show at the Milltown Municipal Bldg. in December, and demonstrated at SAA's Collectors' Show at Merck in October.

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Quite a few members of RVAA were juried into the Tewksbury Historical Society Show in October and RVAA had the following winners, as well: the Joan Day Memorial Award went to Elsa Herrmann. First in Pro Florals: Fran Maurer; 2nd Pro Florals: Anne Hand; 2nd Pro Animals: Debbie Tintle; First in Pro Buildings: Connie Halliwell; Honorable Mention Pro Interiors: Audrey Wreszin; 2nd Non-pro New Jersey Landscapes: Helyn Maier; Honorable Mention Non-pro Florals: Kathy Blair; Honorable Mention Non-pro Animals: Mary Ann Creasy; Second Non-pro Buildings: Mary Ann Vaccaro. Also juried into the show were Lib Ryman, Colette Lemay, Carol Churchill, Doris Terris, Angela Fehrenback, Bill Gilbert, Barbara Briden, Linda Taffe, Jo Coudert, Ellie Morehouse, Sue Furey, Doris Bateman, and Diana Patton.

RVAA members juried into the Mountain Arts Show were Linda Arnold, Marge Braun, Sue Furey, Connie Halliwell, Elsa Herrmann, Diana Patton, Joan Raushi, Nona Rutter, Carol Staub, and Linda Taffe. Also in the show were Gay Billich and Ellie Morehouse (and perhaps more, but I don't

have a list).

Please keep the cards with your news coming, news for first 2001 issue!

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Please mail dinner form to Nona Rutter, 110 Washington Corner Rd,  
Bernardsville, 07924

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am coming to  
the festive celebratory dinner and enclose my check made out to RVAA  
for \$26. per person. Guests' names, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form ASAP. Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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